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provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/720,343
Confirmation Number	1114
Filing Date	December 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Moriyasu SHIMOJO
Group Art Unit	1714
Examiner Name	Katarzyna W. Lee
Matter Number	Q62338
Title	THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION AND INJECTION MOLDINGS THEREOF

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on May 27, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
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Signature John Callahan Date July 8, 2003



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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q62338

Moriyasu SHIMOJO, et al.

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Examiner: Katarzyna W. Lee

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THEREOF

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

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Sir:

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

With regard to the Examiner's comment in the second paragraph on page 2 of the Attachment to the Advisory Action dated June 9, 2003, Applicants respond as follows.

SEBS-1, -2, -3 and -4 are styrene-ethylene-butene-styrene block copolymer rubbers, *see* page 36, lines 9-11 of the specification. SEBS-1 and SEBS-2 differ from SEBS-3 and SEBS-4 in vinyl aromatic monomer content (specifically, styrene content, % by weight) and melt flow rate (g/10 min. at 230°C). Thus, as seen in Table 2 on page 51 of the specification, SEBS-1 and SEBS-2 contain styrene in a larger content than SEBS-3 and SEBS-4.

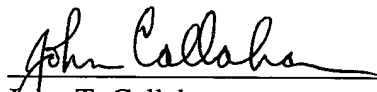
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	Styrene content (% by weight)	Melt flow rate (g/10 min. at 230°C)
SEBS-1	13	9
SEBS-2	18	6
SEBS-3	20	0.8
SEBS-4	40	0.8

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Response are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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